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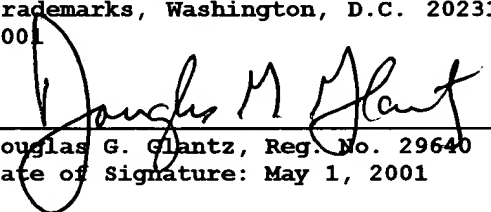
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37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), (e) WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF DISCOVERY**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), (e), the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of discovery.

Copies of the references cited in the attached Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

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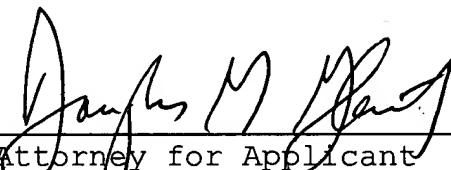
It is respectfully submitted that the present invention, as defined in the claims of the application, is patentable over the disclosures, whether taken singly or in combination. However, this citation is made solely for the purpose of giving the patent Examiner full and convenient opportunity to make an independent review of these references during the examination of this application. No representation of any nature is made or intended by this disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,

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